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Applicant claims small entity status.
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Our File No. 1174/117/2

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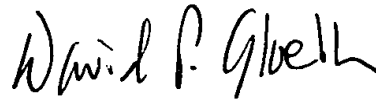
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Addendum

1. APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS

1. The apparatus for collecting flat and letter units consists of a flat surface and a letter unit.